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FROM THE PASTOR

Habakkuk 2

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

On Sunday, February 16th, a number of us gathered with Rev. Dr. Erin Cox-Holmes to continue brainstorming and discerning the best way forward for our congregation. We are by now I hope all aware of the financial challenges we face, discussed in detail during the last two annual congregational meetings. At this year's Leadership Retreat in January, the Session and Deacons together decided to form a Long-Term Planning Team so that we have a group of leaders focused on the details of discerning potential paths for FPC. For the last two years, Session has been discussing what we've been calling "big ideas", ambitious enough to potentially address our budget shortfall but requiring dramatic change, and "partial ideas" which, if successful, could address 10% or more of our shortfall. Obviously, given those categories, we need one big idea to work, or we need ten partial ideas to work, or some combination of the two.

The Long-Term Planning Team has begun its work as I write this, and they will have the raw data from our gathering on the 16th. Both co-chairs were there, and many of the team's members. Since we've decided that we won't be hosting a second follow-up conversation for a number of reasons, I wanted to go through and present some of what was brainstormed at the gathering.

We opened with a reading from scripture, and then had two times for group discussion at each of the tables. Each group was asked to write ideas on post-it notes in four categories:

- Green post-its: where we feel our nets are full; our strengths and resources
- Yellow post-its: where we feel our nets are empty; our challenges
- Orange post-its: ideas to address our financial challenges
- Blue post-its: what we feel called to do as a congregation

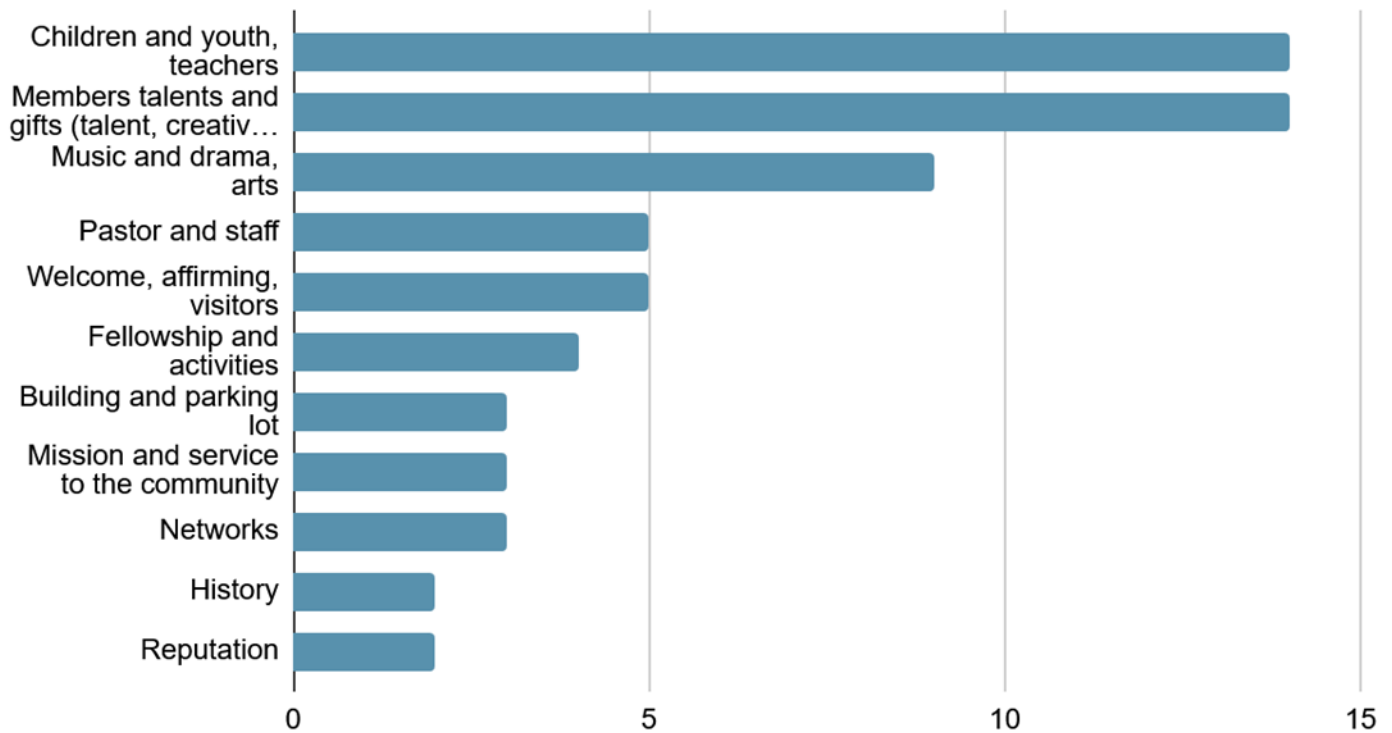
I took pictures of all of the post-its once they were posted, and then I typed out everything written on them. Looking at all of that data would be overwhelming, so I took it and made it into word clouds and into charts to help make some sense of where the thinking overlapped. I felt that we had a lot of alignment during our discussion, and Erin agreed. She has worked with congregations that are out of alignment, when the discussion is all over the place and even becomes contentious. We were our laughing, amicable selves, and reading through the post-its felt familiar to many discussions I have had over the years with individuals, groups, at Deacon and Session meetings, at Leadership Retreats, and so on.

For each chart, I left off things that were only mentioned once. I also organized the post-its into categories that made sense to me and that I think reflect the intent on the notes. Take all of this with a grain of salt, of course, since another person might have a somewhat different interpretation of what they read. If you'd like to see the pictures of all of the post-it notes, let me know. Following each chart, I created a word cloud from the raw data, simply typing up everything written on the post-its as it was written. The a word cloud works is that words mentioned more often are larger, while words mentioned only once are the smallest. In this case, word size = shared understanding among those who were there on the 16th.

Where Our Nets Feel Full

As you can see below, we feel very strongly about our children, youth and teachers, as well as the gifts that our congregation has including our talents, creativity, flexibility, energy, and optimism. We also value music and the arts, our staff, the fact that we are welcoming and affirming, etc. I was happy to see that there were a lot of green post-its up, meaning the groups did not struggle to come up with positive things to say about the church. In brief, we have a lot of resources, and we feel it.

Strengths and Resources (Nets are full)

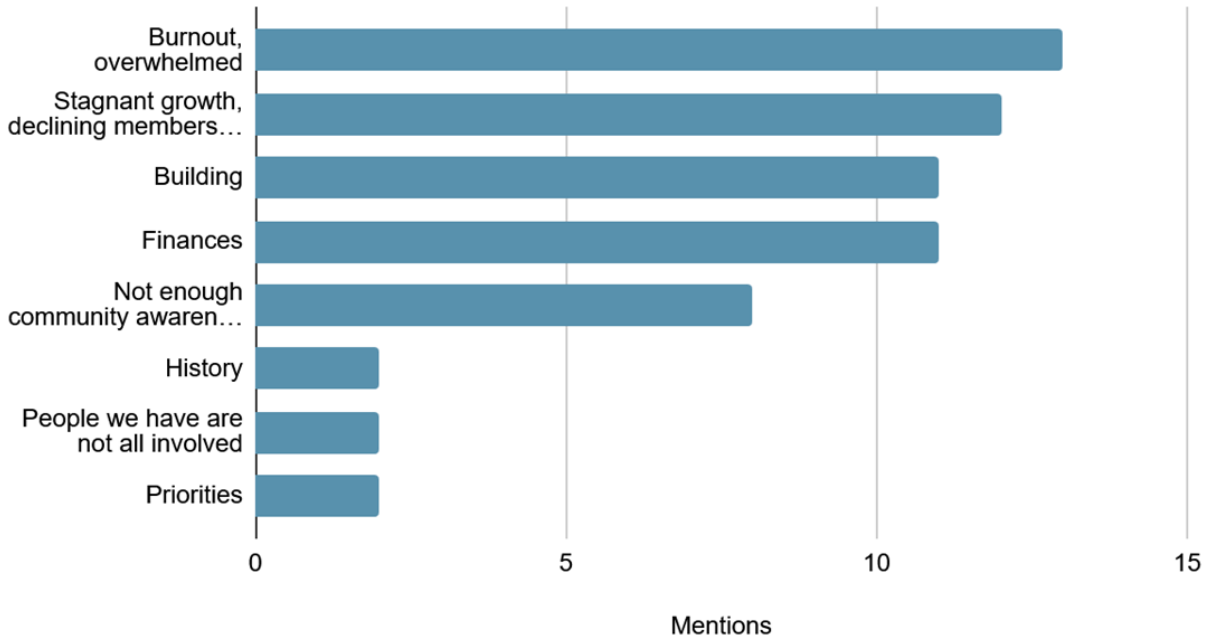


Where Our Nets Feel Empty

There were plenty of yellow post-its too, representing challenges that the different groups identified. I was interested to see that various terms for burnout and overwhelm were the most common responses. This is something to explore further, I think. Are there things that we struggle to do that we could let go of, or partner with other churches or organizations doing similar work? Is there more we can do to support our key leaders and volunteers who do most of the heavy lifting? Is it clear to new members where and how they can get involved? This is all information that gives us a good idea of what questions to ask.

Along with the expected - declining membership over the last decades, declining income, and an aging building in need of maintenance and repair, many felt that there is not enough awareness in the community of who we are and what we do. One key step in this direction was our development of a new mission statement that reflects who we are and what we feel called to do here and now. This is definitely a challenge set before us, though - learning to better communicate who we are and what we do.

Challenges (Nets are empty)



How to Our

Address

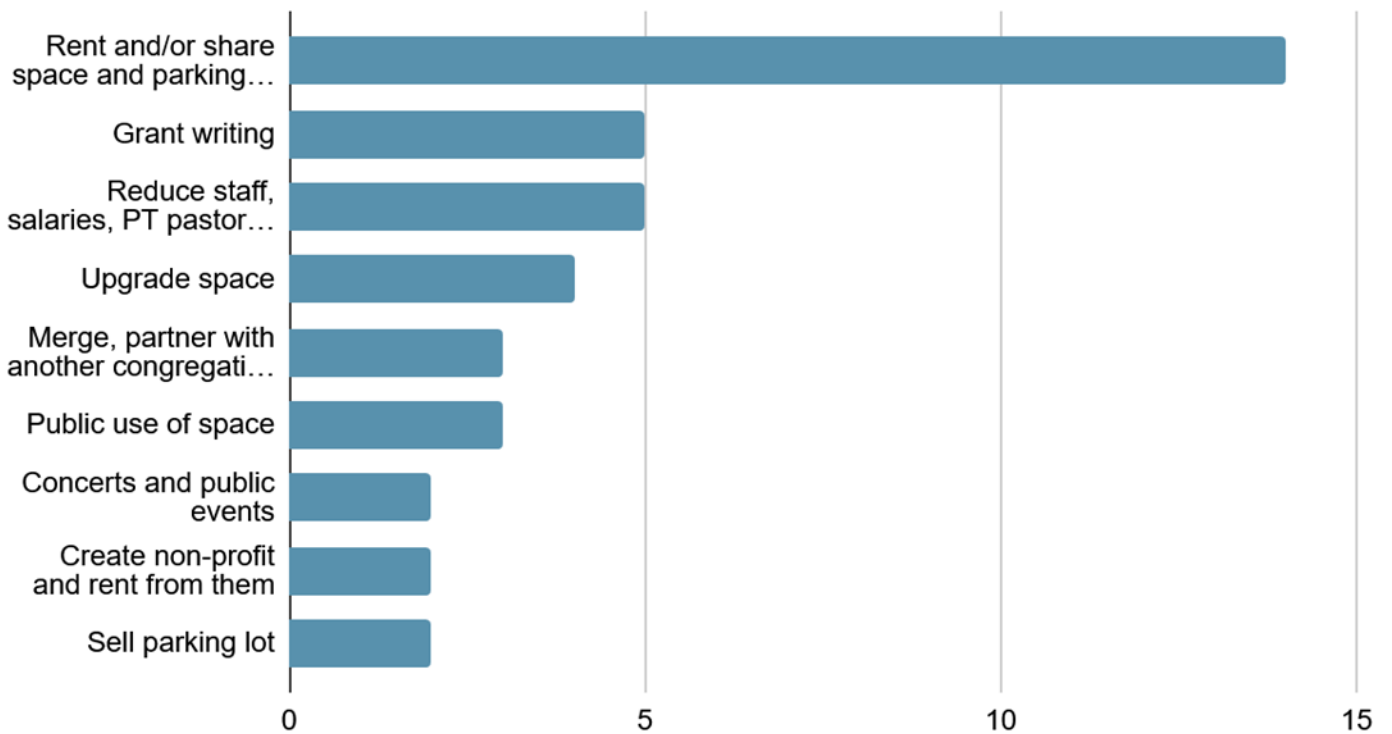


Financial Challenges

By far the biggest focus on the post-its in this category was increasing rental income from our building and parking lot. Work continues in both of those areas, with more parking lot rental incomes and Better Days Ahead Outreach replacing Mom's House as our current primary renter. Meetings are ongoing with multiple area nonprofits and organizations that are seeking rental space, and we have been publicizing rental space in our building for a few months. (As is often the case, the real leads have come from word of mouth and personal relationships)

We simply have a lot of building, a lot of square footage, some of which is almost never used, and a lot that is only used for an hour or two a week. Increasing rental income from the building will require ongoing changes in how we use the building, but on the other hand we

Addressing Our Finances



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What Called

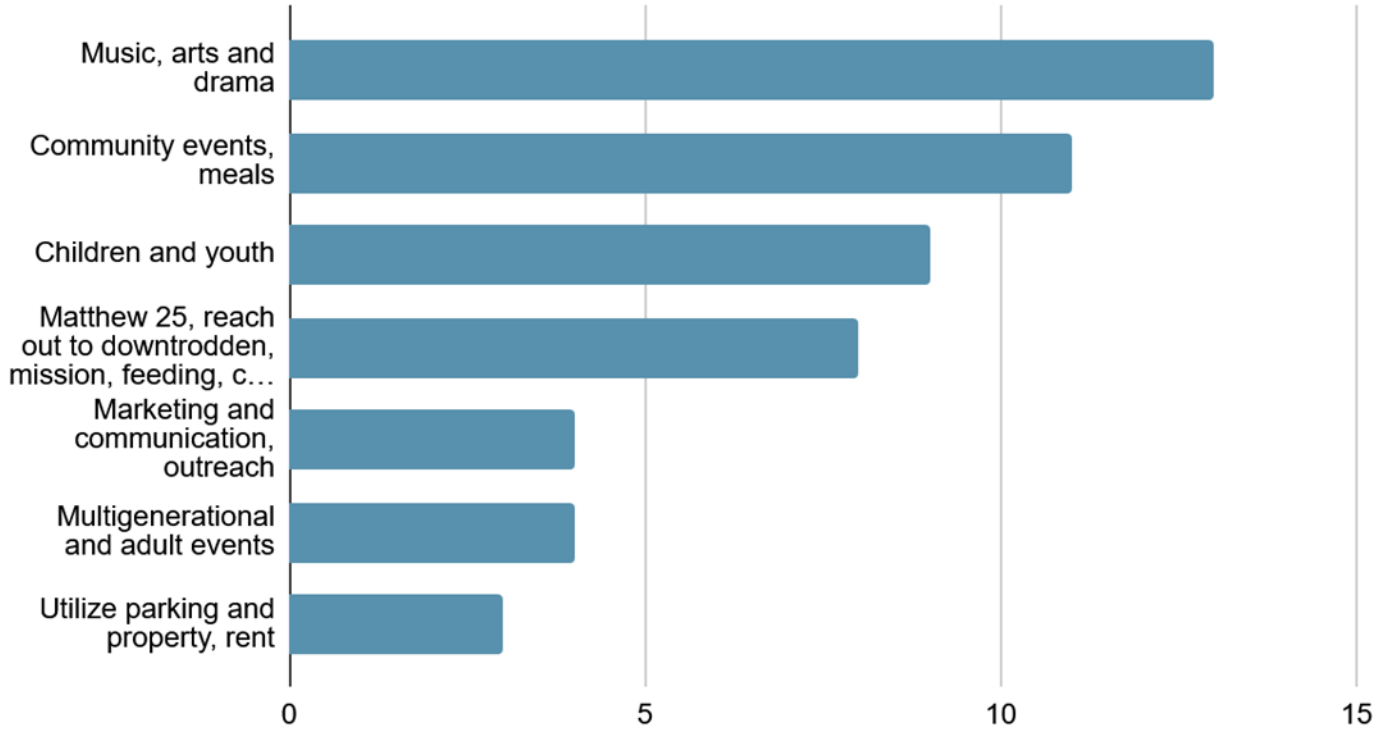


want to any without reason.

We Feel to Do

The last category was the most open-ended, and the responses reflected that. Still, given how many post-its there were, there was a lot of alignment and overlap in this category as well. I saw a lot of enthusiasm for our music, arts, and drama at FPC, and as you can see the second most commonly mentioned thing fell into the category of community events. People were coming up with ideas to get folks in the door and to increase our footprint in town, so to speak.

What We Feel Called to Do



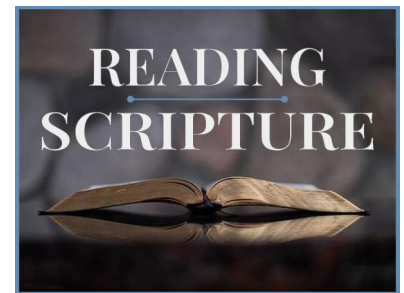
I know that was a lot of information in a lot of different forms - hopefully it is meaningful to each of you in different ways. If the above makes sense to you and rings true, maybe it will spark an idea. If so, I invite you to share it with me. If the above doesn't ring true, or perhaps you have questions, I invite you to bring those to me as well, and I can probably either answer or point you in the direction of someone who can answer. My take-away, and Erin's as well, is that we are in a good place where we have a large degree of shared understanding of who we are and what challenges we face, which is the result of a lot of work over the last two years.

Writing all of this out, it has only been three days since we met and had our discussion. There is more to discern for me, the Long-Term Planning Team, Session, and the congregation as a whole. As Presbyterians, our process is slow and deliberative, but we get there together. Thank you for all of the work that has gotten us to this point, and I look forward to the work to come.

Sincerely,
Pastor Doug

UPCOMING SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Mar. 2nd:** Judges 4:5-10; Luke 9:28-36
- Mar. 5th:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
- Mar. 9th:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 3:1-8
- Mar. 16th:** Genesis 31:25-27, 43-50; Luke 8:40-55
- Mar. 23rd:** Exodus 16:2-18; Luke 2: 9:12-17
- Mar. 30th:** TBD



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE:

GUEST PREACHER
Sunday, March 30
Guest Preacher: Rev. Kevin Powell

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17

*Lord, as we step into March,
grant us the courage to embrace new beginnings.
Help us to let go of the past
and trust in Your plan for our future.
Fill our hearts with hope and determination. Amen.*

Prayersfor.com

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE NOTES

Scrip “Raise Right” Gift Card Program

Beginning in March, we will be taking a pause from ordering gift cards. Know that we appreciate all of the members who have faithfully taken part in this program. We especially want to thank Lynne Williams for taking charge of this fundraiser for many years. The Stewardship Committee will be considering when and how to resume this fundraiser in the coming weeks and months.

Also, we are open to additional fundraising ideas. If anyone has ideas that the church or Stewardship committee may want to consider, please email cassy.gulden@gmail.com. Thank you!

One Great Hour of Sharing

As Christians we are called to love one another by sharing what we have with those in need. One way to answer this call is through our gifts to “**One Great Hour of Sharing**”. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to help our neighbors in need around the world. A gift to this offering enables the church to share God’s love by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, by providing food to the hungry, and by helping low-income communities overcome injustice and oppression. During the season of **Lent**, we invite you to give generously to “**One Great Hour of Sharing**”. Envelopes are available in your offering envelope boxes, in the narthex and church office, or you may send a check with **OGHS** noted in the memo line. Additionally, the Sunday school children will be given **Gracie, the fish box**, to fill with coins as in past years. Offerings will be received throughout **Lent**. Together we can once again help change the lives of many. **Thank you for your life changing offering.**

The Stewardship Committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL



February was quite a month of planning! There are many exciting things on the horizon for our Sunday School program and our developing youth group program.

Sunday School continues to practice learning Matthew 25 in keeping with the theme for the year as well as the status of our church as a PCUSA Matthew 25 Church. Continue reviewing Matthew 25:34-40 with your child and discussing what it means for us as Christians. See how much of the verse they remember in sign language!

At the beginning of Lent, the children will be bringing home “Lent Passports.” In conjunction with resources from the PCUSA’s One Great Hour of Sharing, I’ve made booklets to encourage families to pray together, discuss what needs exist in our world together, and practice giving together while they work to fill their fish banks. Each day of Lent has a prayer or activity, and a space to put stickers when they are complete! I encourage you to incorporate these daily devotions into your family’s days throughout the Lenten season.

Plans continue to be underway for the launch of a youth group. The first activity that will be happening for our tweens and teens is a Lock-In! I don't know about you, but Lock-Ins were some of the most fun I had with youth group as a kid. While it is still in the planning stage, I am hoping to have this activity in mid-spring, so keep your eyes and ears out for that as well as other youth group related news!

As always, the relentless commitment of our Sunday School teaching volunteers continues to be the lifeblood of the program. If you know someone who would be a great fit to teach our children, nudge them my way. And whenever you get a chance, thank a Sunday School teacher!

If you have any questions about Sunday School or Youth Group or wish to volunteer to help out with either program, contact Sarah Shulman at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Sarah Shulman, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Greetings! Lent starts this week! Join us for our annual Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday Communion worship service with the distribution of ashes (optional). The meal will start at 6:00 PM with the service following at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come for one or both. As part of Lent, the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association has planned Wednesday evening worship services. FPC will be hosting the first one on March 12th at 7:00 PM. In addition, Pastor Doug will be preaching at the service on March 19th to be held at Grimes AME. The full schedule can be found on page 15.

The Worship and Music Committee plans to present the Last Supper Tableau again this year on Maundy Thursday, April 17th. There are a number of characters, some of the disciples and even Jesus, are available. If you are interested and/or need more information, please contact Jewell Baker.

Order for Easter flowers will begin on March 9th. They are a nice way to honor someone dear, remember a loved one, or to simply give thanks. Tulips and Daffodils can be ordered through church by March 30th for \$9.00 each. Purchased flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and be available to take home after the 10:30 AM worship service. Please use the order form in Sunday's bulletin or on page 17.

See you in church!

Ken Brown, Committee Chair



PRAYER CHAIN & PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any prayer needs to Sandy Schrack at fpcprayerchain2@gmail.com. Your request will be distributed to FPC's prayer angels. Their silent efforts will be put to work to lift you up. The same email address can be used for anyone wishing to join the prayer team.

CHURCH GROWTH

Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month, with the Grant Writing subcommittee meeting at 10:00 am and the Church Growth committee meeting at 11:00 am in the Church Office. For questions about the Church Growth, email CommunityFPC145@gmail.com



Prison Ministry:

Book Through Bars (BTB)

The next visit to Books Through Bars will be on **Saturday, March 1**. The next one will be **Saturday, April 5**. Please meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 pm. Books Through Bars is a volunteer-run nonprofit based in Philadelphia, PA, that sends free books to incarcerated people. To learn more about Books Through Bars, visit <https://www.booksthroughbars.org/>. If you are interested in attending or have questions about FPC's involvement, contact Terri Camilari or email CommunityFPC145@gmail.com.

Making BTB Donations

- Please look at the books needed and not needed by visiting the BTB website at <https://www.booksthroughbars.org/donate-books>
- Alternatively, you can purchase books from the Wishlist on Bookshop.org and have them shipped directly to Books Through Bars, 4722 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143. By ordering from Bookshop.org, you will be supporting small booksellers.
- BTB is always looking for calendars! If you have any 2025 calendars, please bring them in. There is a box in the church office labeled "Books Through Bars" where calendars or any other books you wish to donate can be dropped placed. (*Note: calendars cannot be spiral bound.*)

Pen Pals

Our Pen Pal program has started! If you would like to be a Pen Pal, talk to Kristin Craven or email her at CommunityFPC145@gmail.com.

Queer Circle:

The next meeting of Queer Circle will be on Sunday, **March 16th** at **7:00 pm** via **Zoom**. Queer Circle is reading *"In the Margins; A Transgender Man's Journey with Scripture"* by Shannon T.L. Kearns. Book or no book, anytime is a great time to join this group! For more information, please contact [Pastor Doug](#), Sarah, or Jacqui.

"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." — Ecclesiastes 4:12

Dear God, unite us in strength and resilience.

Help us to support one another
and draw from the collective power of our community.

May we find strength in our unity and faith in Your guidance. Amen.

Prayerfor.com



MISSIONS, ACTIONS, CONCERNS (MAC)

If you are looking to expand your involvement in church, consider MAC. Meetings are held in the Parlor and via Zoom on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:00 – 10:30 am and include a hands-on service project. The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 12**. Join us!

Questions? Email Kristin at MissionsFPC145@gmail.com.

Service Sundays

Service Sundays are on the second Sunday of the month from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the parlor. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast refreshments will be available. Join us for some fellowship and an easy service project that will impact the community. Feel free to drop in and out as your schedule allows.

Dates: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

If you would like to suggest a project or provide light breakfast items (muffins, scones, bread, fruit, etc), email or talk to Kristin Craven at MissionsFPC145@gmail.com.

Local Missions:

You can see all updates from our Local Mission Organizations (and all organizations we support) at this link: <https://bit.ly/FPCMissionaries>.

Collections

Did you know MAC collects things to help the surrounding community? If you have these items lying around – bring them in and drop them off. We'll take care of the rest!

- Outside the church office by the bulletin board: Eyeglasses, Soda Tabs, Greeting Cards, Printer Cartridges
- Inside the church office (box under the blue chair): toilet paper and paper towel rolls

Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS)

This month, we are collecting food and money for Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS), who aspires to be the lead resource for food insecurity in the community. For more information about PACS, visit



<https://www.pacsphx.org/>. Donations can be dropped in the many PACS boxes around the church (Narthex, Church Office, outside Fellowship Hall) and monetary donations can be dropped off at the church office or during service. Their “hot list” of items needed can be found on the PACS website - <https://www.pacsphx.org/pacs-hot-list> or see page 18. Please make sure you check the expiration date of items you are donating. PACS cannot accept glass containers, opened, or expired items.

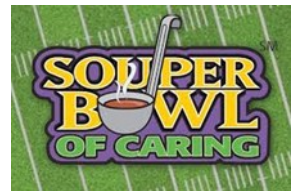


Phoenixville Free Clinic

The mission of the Phoenixville Free Clinic is to provide quality healthcare to the uninsured and underserved with dignity and respect. They are hiring! Phoenixville Free Clinic is seeking to hire: a Family Nurse Practitioner, Front Desk Specialist, Behavioral Health Specialist, and a Portuguese Language Support Contractor. Job descriptions can be found at <https://www.phoenixvillefreeclinic.org/job-opportunities>. For more information about the clinic, please visit <https://www.phoenixvillefreeclinic.org/>.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to those who brought cans for our Souper Bowl of Caring! We collected 42 soup cans, 43 non-soup cans, and \$64. These will support PACS. Phoenixville Area Community Services aspires to be the community's lead resource for food insecurity.



St. Mary's
Franciscan Shelter
for Homeless Families

St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter

Making Meals

Thank you to everyone who made meals for the residents of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter. The families enjoyed our meals and the support they received from our church.

We're hiring: House Manager- Live-In

St. Mary's is hiring! St Mary's Franciscan Shelter for homeless families is seeking a live-in house manager to oversee the shelter's operation Monday – Friday from 9:30 PM – 9:00 AM. Holiday and additional hours might also be available. The overnight house manager can sleep after closing/securing the shelter (11 PM – 6 AM). This shift is considered “on call” should there be an issue overnight. The House Manager is to be available by 6:30 to set up breakfast, oversee the needs of residents, perform light housekeeping, and answer phones until 9 AM. Job responsibilities include Closing shelter, setting up breakfast, overseeing the needs of residents, light housekeeping, and answering phones. Compensation includes room, food, laundry facilities, all utilities (including internet and cable) and a bi-weekly stipend of \$500. If you want to serve families facing homelessness and are willing to engage in the shelter's life, please contact Elsa Haile at 610-933-3097 or through Indeed. A complete job description is available upon request at smfs@stmarysfs.org.

We're hiring: Childcare Needed

St. Mary's Transitional Housing residents need childcare for early weekday mornings and some weekends. This will allow parents to attend school and work extra hours for overtime. Some early mornings during the week. Some weekend hours. If interested, please get in touch with Kate at kate@stmarysfs.org.

About St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter

St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter's mission to create a safe, peaceful, community environment for homeless families. We foster dignity and independence through supportive programming developed with local agencies and ecumenical organizations. For more information, visit <https://stmarysfs.org/>.

National Missions:

You can see all updates from our National Missions (and all organizations we support) at this link: <https://bit.ly/FPCMissionaries>.

Bread for the World

Nourish Our Future Campaign Launch

Save the date! Sunday, April 13th during Service Sunday, we will write letters to our representatives to support expanding the Child Tax Credit, addressing college hunger, fully funding and strengthening the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and robustly funding global nutrition.

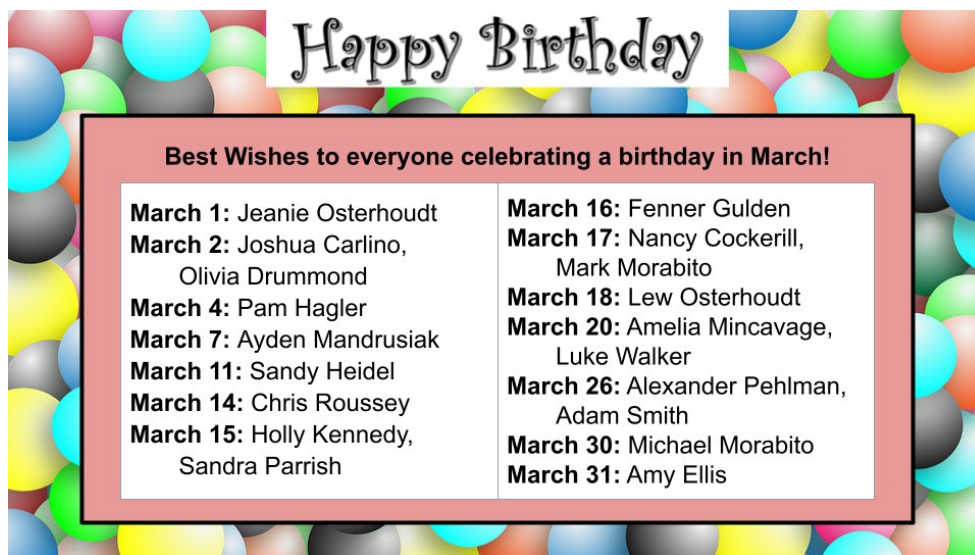
Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision-makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. For more information, visit <https://www.bread.org/>.

Global Missions:

You can see all updates from our Missionaries (and all organizations we support) at this link: <https://bit.ly/FPCMissionaries>.

Special Hope Network

We received a thank you note from Special Hope Network for our end of year contributions. Because of our contribution, they have 2 water tanks at each of their 3 community care centers – one above ground and one below ground. Families in their program can now carry safe water home! You can see the thank you note on our bulletin board or the Special Hope Network folder.



EXTRAS

Adult Bible Study: Sunday morning Bible Study by Zoom sessions are typically held at 8:30 AM (8:00 AM when handbells are involved with the worship service). A new study has started for Lent. Discussions relate to the book *"The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World"* by Adam Hamilton. Join now to explore six of the most important themes relating to Jesus's life and world changing messages about the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am" sayings in John, and more. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact [Sue Casey](#).

Daylight Saving Time Reminder: Think Spring! Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, **March 9th**. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour so you get to church on time. Then, enjoy more light at night! Additional details can be found on Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daylight_saving_time.

Pub Theology: The next Pub Theology gathering will be on Sunday, **March 9th**, at 7:00 PM at The Foodery (325 Bridge St, Phoenixville). Join Pastor Doug in a discussion of theological topics and current events over food and drinks. Listen, chat, and hash things out...it's fun and thought-provoking!

Spring Fling BINGO: You're invited to come and have fun playing BINGO in Fellowship Hall on Friday, **March 28th**! Doors open at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm. Each game will have two winners, one child and one adult. Snacks and drinks will be available for a donation. Bingo cards will be provided. BYOM-Bring Your Own Markers - pennies, beans, crayons, etc. This event is for FPC members only. Please sign-up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044EA4AD23A1FD0-55268646-church> or call the main office at 610-933-8816. Questions about helping or donating prizes can be directed to Sarah Shulman at fpcchildrenandyouth@gmail.com.

Garage Sale: Spring is coming and so is People to People's next Garage Sale! Mark your calendar Saturday, **March 29th**. Hours of operation will be from 8am – 1pm. Help will be needed for setting up, bringing items out, arranging things, and assisting on the day of the sale. Dates and times to come. Please spread the word about this great community event. Having a successful sale will directly benefit our Phoenixville neighbors!

Thanks for your support!



LENT IS COMING SOON!
Save the Dates

PHOENIXVILLE
AREA
CLERGY
ASSOCIATION



Lenten Worship Services

at 5 local churches with 5 different preachers
Wednesday Evenings
March 12th through April 9th

The Phoenixville Area Clergy Association (PACA) has organized Wednesday evening Lenten worship services at various churches throughout the Phoenixville area, starting on March 12th and finishing on April 9th. Services will start at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come hear the Word, pray, sing, and reflect with fellow community members. These are free events. However, if so inclined and able to make a donation, all free-will offerings will be used to support the missions of PACA that address human service needs in the Phoenixville area.

THE SCHEDULE

March 12th at FPC: Rev. Mark Young preaching

March 19th at Grimes AME: Rev. Doug Hagler preaching

March 26th at Grace Crossing: Rev. Russ Crouthamel preaching

April 2nd at St. John's: preacher TBA

April 9th at FUMC: Rev. Dan McDowell preaching

Note: live stream services will be dependent upon the technical capabilities that are available at the time of worship.

Questions about these services and/or PACA can be directed to Rev. Doug Hagler at pastor145@comcast.net or 610-933-8816.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

"There in God's Garden"

If you would like some guidance for prayer and reflection during the upcoming Lenten season, then considering following the guide from the Luther Seminary. It is titled "There in God's Garden". It relates to the song in our Glory to God hymnal, #226.



There in God's garden stands the Tree of wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations.
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, 'Our Saviour!'
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood
feed on its life-blood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it.
Yet look, it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it,
nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the voice says, 'Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow.
I will give blessing.'

This is my ending; this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy!

All heaven is singing, 'Thanks to Christ, whose Passion
offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon.
All men and nations, take it, take it freely!'
Amen! My Master!

*Words By Erik Routley
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To access the devotional online or to download a copy, please visit https://drive.google.com/file/d/16OadMkz_DfAwVuLhYmX4t6sO8WUTrnDL/view. A few hard copies will be available in the narthex and church office.

EASTER FLOWERS

Now is the time to start thinking about decorating our Sanctuary for Easter --- and everyone has a chance to share in it. The Worship and Music Committee encourages everyone to consider ordering a plant or plants to beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.



Easter flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, to honor a person, or to express appreciation for someone who has played a special part in your life or in the life of the church. Orders are also being accepted from those who just want to make our worship space beautiful for Easter and then take the plant home to enjoy!

The cost for each plant is \$9.00.

Please drop off or send the order form and payment to the Church office **by Sunday, March 30th**. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing a beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Qty. of daffodils (6" pot) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

Qty. of tulips (5 & 6 blooms) ordered (\$9.00 each) _____

TOTAL COST: _____

**All flowers need to be picked up after the
Easter service on Sunday, April 20th.**

Acknowledgement for bulletin:

Given by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In appreciation for: _____

PACS HOT LIST:

(AS OF 01/09/2025)

PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OR OPENED/EXPIRED FOODS. THANK YOU!

Highlighted Items = Items PACS has had to purchase in the last 12 months

Food

Condiments (ex., mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard)

Cooking Oil (especially Olive Oil)

Coffee (regular & instant) & Tea (including herbal)

Canned pasta (ex., Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti-O's)

Sugar (2 lb. bags)

Shelf-stable non-dairy milk (ex., almond, oat, soy)

Spices (ex., salt & pepper, onion powder, adobo, oregano, garlic powder, parsley, paprika, cumin, basil, vanilla, cinnamon, iodized salt)

Salad dressing (ex., Italian, ranch, blue cheese, balsamic, Thousand Island, honey mustard, Caesar)

Jelly (grape & strawberry)

Juice, shelf-stable (ex., apple)

Flour (2 lb. bags)

Soup (ex., chicken noodle, vegetable, cream soups, beef)

Canned meats (ex., chicken, salmon, tuna)

Instant mashed potatoes

Mac & cheese

Pancake mix & syrup

Gravy

Canned fruit (ex., pineapple slices)

Granola bars

Instant oatmeal

Cereal (ex., Frosted Flakes)

Breadcrumbs

Grits

Hot chocolate packets

Stuffing

Bottled Water

Baking mixes & icing

Flavored rice

Food (continued)

Pickles

PopTarts

Relish

Snacks, both sweet and salty

Spam

Tomato Sauce

Baby Items

Diapers (size 4 to 6)

Formula (ex: Similac Advance)

Baby Wash

Baby Lotion

Cleaning products:

Laundry detergent (hypoallergenic often requested, under 1.5 gallons jugs)

Dish Soap

Bleach

White Vinegar

Cleaning supplies (ex., cleaning spray, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, disinfectant wipes, trash bags, paper towels)

Tissues

Toiletries:

Deodorant (men & women's)

Shampoo

Hand Soap

Body wash (men & women's)

Conditioner

Sanitary pads & tampons

Toilet Paper

Pet items:

Treats

Kitty Litter



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PACS Month-Long Food Drive						1 12:30p-4:30p Books Through Bars
<i>Transfiguration</i> 8:30a Bible Study 10:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 12:00p Deacons	3 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 6:30p Zumba	4 6:30p Zumba 7:30p Praise Team	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:30a-3:00p Music Ministry 6-8p BDA Office Hours 6:00p Soup Supper 7:00p Communion Worship with Ashes Handbells	6 9:00a WIC 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 10:00a People to People Food Ministry 7:00p Choir	7 9:00a WIC	8
<i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30a Bible Study 8:45a-10:15a MAC Service & Fellowship 10:30a Worship w/ Baptism 10:45a Sunday School 12:00p Worship & Music 7:00p Pub Theology	10 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 6:30p Zumba 7:00p Stewardship (Z) 7:30p Christian Ed (Z)	11 Parish Life 6:30p Zumba 7:00p Personnel (Z) 7:30p Praise Team	12 9:00a MAC Meeting 10:30a-3:00p Music Ministry 6-8p BDA Office Hours 7:00p Finance (Z) 7:00 Community Lenten Service at FPC 7:30p Handbells	13 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 10:00a People to People Food Ministry 7:00p Choir 7:00p Compassionate Friends	14 10:00a Grant Writing 11:00a Church Growth	15
<i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00a Bible Study 10:30a Worship (Handbells) 10:45a Sunday School 12:00p Women's Circle 7:00p Queer Circle	17 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 6:30p Zumba	18 6:30p Zumba 7:30p Praise Team 7:30p Property	19 10:30a-3:00p Music Ministry 6-8p BDA Office Hours 7:00 Community Lenten Service 7:30p Handbells.	20 9:00a WIC 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 10:00a People to People Food Ministry 7:00p Choir	21 9:00a WIC	22
<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30a Bible Study 10:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School	24 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 6:30p Zumba	25 6:30p Zumba 7:30p Praise Team	26 10:30a-3:00p Music Ministry 6-8p BDA Office Hours 7:00 Community Lenten Service 7:30p Handbells.	27 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 10:00a People to People Food Ministry 7:00p Choir	28	29 8:00a-1:00p P2P Garage Sale
<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Easter flower orders due</i> 8:30a Bible Study 10:30a Worship with Guest Preacher 10:45a Sunday School	31 9:00a People to People Clothing Ministry 6:30p Zumba					



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